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For : **BILIVERDIN REDUCTASE FRAGMENTS AND VARIANTS,
AND METHODS OF USING BILIVERDIN REDUCTASE AND
SUCH FRAGMENTS AND VARIANTS**

**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
(37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(d)) - NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION**

I hereby declare that I am an official empowered to act on behalf of the nonprofit organization identified below:

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ADDRESS OF CONCERN : **518 Hylan Building
Rochester, New York 14627**
TYPE OF ORGANIZATION :

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(CITATION OF STATUTE)
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I hereby declare that the nonprofit organization identified above qualifies as a nonprofit organization as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(e) for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code with regard to the invention entitled **BILIVERDIN REDUCTASE FRAGMENTS AND VARIANTS, AND METHODS OF USING BILIVERDIN REDUCTASE AND SUCH FRAGMENTS AND VARIANTS** by inventor **Mahin D. Maines** described in

the specification filed herewith
 U.S. Patent Application Serial No.: **09/606,129**
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I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the nonprofit organization with regard to the above identified invention.

If the rights held by the nonprofit organization are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights to the invention is listed below* and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who could not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(c) or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e). *NOTE: Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities. (37 CFR 1.27).

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I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b))

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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TITLE OF PERSON OTHER THAN OWNER : **Acting Director**
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COMBINED DECLARATION FOR PATENT
APPLICATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
(Includes Reference to PCT International Applications)

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**BILIVERDIN REDUCTASE FRAGMENTS AND VARIANTS, AND METHODS OF USING BILIVERDIN REDUCTASE
AND SUCH FRAGMENTS AND VARIANTS**

the specification of which (check only one item below):

is attached hereto.

was filed as U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/606,129 on June 28, 2000 and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specifications, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed:

PRIOR APPLICATION(S) AND ANY PRIORITY CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 119:

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United States	60/141,309	28-JUNE-1999	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
United States	60/163,223	03-NOV-1999	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
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